

Learning Narrative Spring Term – Year 4

We are reading...

- The Firework Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman
- Why the Whales Came by Michael Morpurgo

History

How have historical events and people impacted on our society?

Focus – Anglo Saxon Britain

- The Roman Empire collapsed and this brought chaos and conflict to Britain.
- The Romans based in Britain asked the Anglo Saxons for help in protecting them from the Picts and Celts.
 - The Anglo-Saxons arrived on Britain's shores from Northern Germany, The Netherlands and Denmark - they came across the North Sea in wooden boats.
 - The Anglo-Saxons took control from the Romans and by the ninth century, ruled over four main kingdoms: Northumbria, Mercia, East Anglia and Wessex. These separate kingdoms were frequently in conflict with each other
 - By 878AD there was only 1 kingdom left, Wessex, which was ruled by Alfred the Great. The other Kingdoms had been overrun by the Vikings. King Alfred became king in 871AD.
 - In 927AD these four kingdoms were united under the rule of one king, King Athelstan and the Kingdom of England was created.
 - The Anglo-Saxons used: swords, shields, axes, spears, javelins and bows and arrows when fighting.
 - Anglo-Saxons were largely Pagan, but began converting to Christianity.
 - The Anglo-Saxons played a significant part in England's journey to becoming a Christian country.

Science

Focus – Living things and their habitats

Materials can be divided into solids, liquids and gases
Solids, liquids and gases are described by observable properties. Solids are materials that keep their shape unless a force is applied to them. They can be hard, soft or even squashy. Solids take up the same amount of space no matter what has happened to them. Liquids take the shape of their container. They can change shape but do not change the amount of space they take up. They can flow or be poured.
Gases can spread out to completely fill the container or room they are in. They do not have any fixed shape but they do have a mass. All material is made of particles – changing the temperature changes the movement of the particles
Materials change state when they are heated or cooled (°C)
Heating causes solids to melt into liquids and liquids evaporate into gases.
Evaporation occurs when water turns in to water vapour
The temperature at which given substances change state are always the same.
Cooling causes gases to condense into liquids and liquids to freeze into solids
Condensation is where water vapour cools down and turns in to water.
Evaporation and condensation occur in the water cycle



Music

Stop!
Lean on Me

Art

Art

Focus – Surrealism

Key question – Can you create a surrealist scene?

R.E

How does R.E help to promote mutual respect and tolerance of people with different world views?

Focus – Hinduism

Key Question: What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?

What is Hindi Dharma?

How and why do Hindus perform Puja?

What is dharma? What can we learn from the story of King Yudhishtira?

What does the Ramayana tell Hindus about dharma?

How and why do many Hindus celebrate Diwali?

Can I plan a Diwali celebration for my local community?

Focus – Christianity

Key Question: Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?

What is salvation?

Who was Mary?

How did people feel about Jesus being crucified?

What is the most important part of the Easter story?

What is the link between the Messiah, salvation and The Fall?

Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?

PE

Gymnastics

Handball

Invasion games

Geography

How does the geography of a place influence where and how people live?

Focus – Dartmoor mini unit

Key Question: Why do people visit Dartmoor?

Computing

Focus – Programming -

Key Questions: Micro:bit – Get off my stuff!

How can I use a simple algorithm to create an alarm?

Focus – Data Handling

Key Questions: online questionnaire

How can I use technology to create an online questionnaire?

R.H.S.E

- Being responsible
- Feelings and emotions
- Computer safety

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Focus – Mechanisms (Pneumatics)

Key Questions: What do all pneumatic systems need?

What is a pneumatic system?

What skills do I need to assemble a simple pneumatic system?

Who is my final product going to be for?

What techniques will I use when assembling my product?

Is your final product safe and practical to use?